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Office Action Summary

Application No.

10/511,387

Applicant(s)

PARK ET AL.

Examiner

Emmanuel Bayard

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 October 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4,8,9,12 and 13 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10,11 and 14-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3 and 5-7 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claim 3 is objected to because of the following informalities: in line 3, replace "BER" with ---BYER---. Appropriate correction is required.
2. Claims 3 and 5-7 are also objected because they depend on a base objected claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.
4. Claims 10-11, 14-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
5. Claim 10 recites the limitation "said RS decoder" in line 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
6. Claim 11 recites the limitation "said RS decoder" in line 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
7. Claim 14 recites the limitation "said comparison signal" in line 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
8. Claim 16 recites the limitation "the superior mode" in line 13. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.
9. Claim 25 recites the limitation "said lock signal" in line 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

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10. Claims 15 and 17-24 are also rejected because they depend on a base rejected claim.

Allowable Subject Matter

11. Claims 1-2, 4, 8-9 and 12-13 are allowed over the prior art of record.

12. Claims 10-11, 14-15 and 17-25 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

13. Claim 16 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

14. Claims 3, and 5-7 are objected, but would be allowable if rewritten in to overcome the above objection.

Conclusion

15. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Birru U.S. Pub No 2003/0099289 A1 teaches an apparatus and method for constraining the value of feedback filter.

Biru U.S. Pub No 2002/0172275 A1 teaches a two-stage equalizer for trellis-coded systems.

Gosh et al U.S. Pub No 20020154247 A1 teaches a system and method for reducing error propagation in a decision feedback equalizer.

Ueda U.S. Patent NO 5,787,118 teaches an adaptive equalizer.

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Wittig et al U.S. Patent No 6,823,489 B2 teaches a generation of decision feedback equalizer.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Emmanuel Bayard whose telephone number is 571 272 3016. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (7:Am-4:30PM) Alternate Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel can be reached on 571 272 2988. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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